

## **( See [Fed. R. Civ. P. 51](#) )**

### **LR 51-1 Proposed Jury Instructions**

#### **(a) Scope of Party Submissions**

To request model instructions for issues not specific to the subject matter of a case (*e.g.*, instructions located in Chapters 1, 2, and 3 of the Ninth Circuit's Manual of Model Civil Jury Instructions), submit only the suggested instruction number and title corresponding to the requested instruction. Instructions specific to the issues in the case must be submitted as specified in LR 51-1(b)-(d).

#### **(b) Application of Model or Uniform Jury Instructions**

When Oregon law applies, the applicable Oregon State Bar Uniform Civil Jury Instructions should be used. In other cases, and unless otherwise directed by the Court, the applicable Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instructions should be used.

#### **(c) Number of Instructions**

If more than ten (10) instructions specific to the issues in the case are submitted, include an index.

#### **(d) Format Requirements**

**(1)** Each instruction must begin on a separate page.

**(2)** The complete set of jury instructions specific to the issues in the case must be submitted, in plain text or rich text format, as an attachment to an e-mail message sent to the Judge's Courtroom Deputy Clerk immediately following the electronic filing of the proposed instructions in the CM/ECF system.

**(3)** Each instruction must embrace only one subject, and must be numbered consecutively using the model or uniform jury instruction numbers where applicable.

**(4)** Each instruction must be brief, impartial, understandable, and free from argument. The principle stated in one instruction must not be repeated in any other instruction.

**(5)** Except when citing to a model or uniform jury instruction, the text of each instruction must be set out in full. In the case of model or uniform jury instructions, citation to the model or uniform jury instruction number is sufficient.

**(6)** Each instruction must contain in a footnote citations of authority in support of the principle of law stated in the instruction.

Commentary

The native, proprietary formats of word processors like Microsoft Word (.doc, .docx) and Corel Wo

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Amendment History to LR 51

June 1, 2002

Generally

Cross references added or updated

LR 51.1(a)

"Unless otherwise ordered by the Court . . . ." added.

LR 51.1(e)(2)

CD Rom format added.

June 1, 2006

LR 51.1

Cross reference to LR 100.10 deleted.

LR 51.1(a)

Deleted and subsequent sections re-lettered.

New (a) revised to clarify counsels' requirements for submitting instructions.

LR 51.1(b)

Text of rule re-organized.

LR 51.1(c)

Numeric format modified;e.

"ten(10)".

LR 51.1(d)(2)

"The trial Judge may . . ." added.

This sentence was moved from LR 100.10(c).

LR 51.2

Rule deleted.

December 1, 2009

LR 51-1(a)

Reworded.

LR 51-1(b)

Changed "In diversity cases" to "When Oregon law applies." Added the wor

LR 51-1(d)(2)

Changed the way in which the Judge's copy of the complete set of proposed

LR 51-1(d)

Commentary added.

